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FM AMEMBASSY BAMAKO

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 8391

INFO AMEMBASSY ABIDJAN

AMEMBASSY COTONOU

AMEMBASSY DAKAR

AMEMBASSY NIAMEY

AMEMBASSY OUAGADOUGOU

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TAGS: EAID, DM

SUBJ: COTONOU-GAO RAIL/ROAD ROUTE

REF: A. BAMAKO 0030; B. STATE 240172, DEC 8, 1973

1. WHILE EMBASSY HAS URGED (REFERENCE A) THAT AID SHOULD PROVIDE FUNDS PER DOUKARA-WILLIAMS LETTER NOVEMBER 7, 1973 AIMED AT TRANSPORTING GRAIN TO SIXTH REGION BY TRUCK OVER MOPTI-GAO ROAD, EMBASSY BELIEVES IT ALSO PRUDENT TO DETERMINE EXACTLY POSSIBILITY USING COTONOU-GAO ROUTE. REASONING IS AS FOLLOWS: (1) MOPTI-GAO ROUTE WILL PROBABLY PROVE TO BE HELPFUL BUT PARTIAL SOLUTION FOR RESUPPLYING SIXTH REGION WITH GRAIN; (2) U.S. IS LIKELY TO BE FACED WITH REQUEST FOR GRAIN AIRLIFT EVENTUALLY. (RUSSIANS AND WEST GERMANS ALREADY PLANNING TO PROVIDE AIRLIFT NEAR FUTURE); (3) NOTWITHSTANDING DOUKARA'S PESSIMISM ABOUT PRACTICALITY OF COTONOU-GAO ROUTE,

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ALL REPORTS INDICATE THAT THIS ROUTE IS PRACTICABLE.

(SEE REFERENCE B).

2. OBVIOUSLY THIS A DELICATE MATTER SINCE DOUKARA-POSSIBLY FOR POLITICAL REASONS-IS NOT ANXIOUS TO USE THIS ROUTE. FOR EXAMPLE, ONE FORMER MALIAN OFFICIAL OBSERVED THAT COTONOU-GAO ROUTE NOT POPULAR WITH GOM BECAUSE RESUPPLYING SIXTH REGION VIA COTONOU-NIAMEY WOULD GIVE IMPRESSION THAT DROUGHT ASSIST WAS COMING FROM DAHOMEY AND NIGER RATHER THAN MALI. IN ORDER TO COVERCOME STRONG RESISTANCE DOUKARA TO THIS ROUTE, EMBASSY SUGGESTS THAT EXPERIENCED OFFICER BE DETAILED TDY TO EXAMINE PROBLEMS CONNECTED WITH USING THIS ROUTE INCLUDING WHATEVER INTER-GOVERNMENTAL ARRANGEMENTS MIGHT BE NECESSARY. IF ROUTE IS FEASIBLE AS EMBASSY BELIEVES IT IS, THEN WE WOULD BE IN POSITION OFFERING THIS ROUTE AS DEFINITE ALTERNATIVE TO EVENTUAL GOM REQUEST FOR COSTLY AIRLIFT. IF PROOF IS CONVINCING, BELIEVE DOUKARA WILL ACCEPT THIS ROUTE. FROM MALI POINT-OF-VIEW, EMBASSY PERCEIVES MAJOR DIFFICULTY LACK OF PETROL SUPPLY IN GAO FOR RETURN TRIP. CONDITION OF ROAD NIAMEY BORDER TO GAO APPARENTLY NO WORSE THAN MOPTI-GAO ROUTE.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: CONCURRENCE STATE/AID WASHINGTON THIS APPROACH AND ASSIGNMENT TDY OFFICER ASAP TO WORK OUT IN DETAIL FEASIBILITY USING COTONOU-GAO ROUTE.KUNIHOLM

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